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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This amendment is submitted for consideration with a concurrently filed continued prosecution application. Please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-~~92~~ and 99-132.

Please amend claims 93, and 95-98 as follows:

93. (Twice Amended) A method of producing recombinant polypeptides or nucleic acids that encode polypeptides, the method comprising:

(a) providing data identifying sequences of two or more parental polypeptides or parental nucleic acids that encode polypeptides;